Industries Limited that fall under the purview of Ministry of Industry; and

(b) what action has been taken by Govt. to investigate them and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The relevant alleged violations are:

(1) Installation of capacity in excess of the licensed capacity for manufacture of Polyester Filament Yarn;

(2) installation of a 25 MW power plant without tapping possible indigenous sources;

(3) excessive import of catalyst chemicals for manufacture of PTA (Purified Terephthalic Acid);

(4) unauthorised manufacture of paraxylene; and

(5) unauthorised manufacture of benzene.

(b) The matter has been entrusted to the CBI for investigation and their report is awaited.

Import replenishment for fruit and vegetable product

1449. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import replenishment for fruit and vegetable products is only 10 per cent, so that foreign exchange earning is 10 times the exports;

(b) whether the processed food exports is approximately Rs. 300 crores annually; and

(c) why is the Government considering accepting only 3 times the imports as foreign exchange contribution from the Pepsi proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THT MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) An import replenishment of 10 per cent is allowed in respect of export of fruit juices, nectars and pulps| concentrates.

(b) Value of export of processed food items during 1985-86 was of the order of Rs. 286.20 crores.

(c) No decision has been taken on the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation's proposal.

Theft of petroleum products

1450. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state (a) how many cases of theft of petroleum products, crude oil etc., have been reported during the last three years from Gujarat and elsewhere;

(b) what are the details of the thefts, persons involved or suspected to be involved and the stage of investigation of such cases;

(c) what is the quantum of amount involved in the thefts; and

(d) what preventive measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) There have been 42 cases of theft of crude oil at various projects of ONGC in Gujarat during 1984 to 1986 and 1987 (upto April). 65 persons are suspected to be involved in these thefts and the cases are pending police investigation/trial in the courts. The amount involved in these thefts in estimated at Rs. 2,87,900|- out of which material of the value of Rs. 2,06,700|- has been recovered.

Steps taken to prevent theft of crude oil include projected induction of CISF in

projects in the Western Region, guarding of oil wells and other installations|pipelines by the oil industry's security staff, Gramrakshak Dal, Home Guards and local police at places as in convenient. In Gujarat area, helicopter surveillance of pipelines is also resorted to in areas where patrolling is otherwise not possible owing to difficult terrain and distance involved.

As regards theft of petroleum products from refineries/installations/depots/retail outlets, etc., consolidated data in this regard is not maintained by the oil companies. Since the number of such installations, depots, etc. is over 15,600 throughout the country the effort involved in collection and compilation of the required information for the past three years from the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations besides the oil companies/refineries, will not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved. Nevertheless, suitable security arrangements, exist at refineries|installations|depots of the oil companies.

Supply of gas at concessional rates

1451. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVA-KOLI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that natural gas producing countries are working out gas prices as equivalent to coal; if so, which are these countries and what is the price of natural gas in those countries;

(b) what are the reasons for not supplying the natural gas at concessional price to backward Taluka; and

(c) what are the reasons for which Government do not consider it proper to supply gas at concessional rates from isolated wells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) There are no fixed international standards for fixing natural gas price and these vary from country to country.

(b) and (c) Concessions have been provided for the consumers in the North-East, in view of the backwardness of the region; and to fall-back users and those getting gas from the fields under development.

आई०एस०आई० चिन्ह के बिना घरेलू गैस के बर्नरों और हाट प्लेटों की बिक्री

1452. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि आई०एस०आई० मार्क या कोई भी ट्रेड मार्क के बिना अथवा डुप्लीकेट आई०एस०आई० ट्रेड मार्क वाले खाना पकाने की घरेलू गैस के बर्नर और हाट प्लेटों की बाजार में खुले आम बिक्री की जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस को रोकने के लिये कोई कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है और क्या इस संबंध में कोई विसंगति सरकार के ध्यान में आई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है।

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) (क) से (ग) जबकि एल०पी०जी० स्टोवों के विनिर्माताओं के लिये आई०एल०आई० प्रमाणन प्राप्त करने के संबंध में उनका कोई सांविधिक दायित्व नहीं होता है, फिर भी एल०पी०जी० के वितरों को निर्देश दिये गए हैं कि वे केवल एल०पी०जी० स्टोवों का स्टाक रखें/बिक्री करें जिन पर आई०एस०आई० का मार्क होता है और उपभोक्ताओं को एल०पी०जी० के कनेक्शन तभी रीलीज करें जब ऐसा सत्यापन किया